

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE RECHARGE ZONE OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER WITHIN THE CITY CORPORATE LIMITS AND EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; ESTABLISHING AN ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP TO HEAR AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE RELATING TO THESE REGULATIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown 2030 Comprehensive Plan, adopted February 26, 2008, includes a broad vision statement that includes “we have promoted sustainable development patterns that are compatible with our natural resources and historic character.”; and

WHEREAS, the City and Williamson County have met with numerous stakeholder groups to develop strategies that exceed current local, state and federal standards to safeguard the spring formations of the Edwards Aquifer and the unique habitat area established by this environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City Council to provide adequate water quality controls to ensure that future growth and development is unbridled by potential federal oversight nor federal permitting requirements that would delay development projects detrimentally to the sustained viability of the City’s economy; and

WHEREAS, that the vision of the Georgetown 2030 Comprehensive Plan is substantially advanced by adopting water quality protections for spring and stream features in the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone as set out herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Section 2. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim.

Section 3. The Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone Water Quality Ordinance attached as Exhibit A is adopted by the City of Georgetown.

Section 4. City staff is directed to develop and budget for a Water Quality Management Plan with outreach to a broad spectrum of citizens in the community.

Section 5. If any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 6. All ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This Ordinance shall become accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Georgetown.

PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading on the ____ day of _____, 2013.

PASSED AND APPROVED on Second Reading on the ____ day of _____, 2013

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN

Jessica Brettle, City Secretary

By: _____
George Garver, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bridget Chapman, City Attorney

Ordinance Number: _____
Description: Salamander Ordinance
Date Approved: _____, 2013